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FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN
FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS GT US
SUBJ: SALE OF AMMUNITION TO GUATEMALA

1. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS IN JUNE THAT WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ACTION ON GUATEMALA'S REQUEST FOR FIVE MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56 AMMUNITION WHILE TENSIONS WERE HIGH OVER BELIZE. THIS TENSION HAS NO SUBSIDED TO THE POINT WHERE I BELIEVE WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE SHIPMENT. THE BRITISH HAVE WITHDRAWN TWO OF THEIR SHIPS, AND I GATHER THEY EXPECT TO WITHDRAW MORE OF THEIR REINFORCEMENTS GRADUALLY OVER THE NEAR TERM.

2. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT LAUGERUD COOPERATED WITH US FULLY DURING THE PEAK OF THE RECENT CRISIS, REFRAINING AT OUR URGING FROM FURTHER MILITARY ESCALATION. I BELIEVE IT WILL HELP US PRESERVE OUR INFLUENCE WITH HIM IF WE NOW SHOW OURSELVES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS INTERESTS AS WELL.

3. WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST THREE WEEKS, I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY REAL PROSPECT OF EARLY GUATEMALAN
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ACTION AGAINST BELIZE. IN ANY CASE, THE DELIVERY OF THIS AMMUNITION WOULD NOT MEAN THE DIFFERNECE BETWEEN A GUATEMALAN DECISION TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE.

4. FOR ALL THESE REASONS AND HAVING IN MIND THE KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST WHICH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD HAS TAKEN IN THE DELIVERY OF THIS AMMUNITION, I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU

AUTHORIZE ME TO INFORM HIM PROMPTLY THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING
WITH THE SALE.
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